Increasing the trade margin of medicines under DPCO

188. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has increased the trade margin of medicines under Drugs Price Control Order, 1987;

(b) if so, what was the trade margin in DPCO, 1979 and how much increase has been allowed;

(c) whether such an increase has been allowed on the basis of any study of any committee report; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the basis on which such a high increase has been allowed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The required details are given in the statement (See below).

(c) and (d) The decision to revise the trade margin has been taken keeping view the increase in the Maximum Allowabl Post-Manufacturing Expenses and representations received from all concerned.

Statement

	Trade margin under DPCO, 1987		Trade margin und DPCO, 1979	
	Whole seller	Retailer	Whole seller	Retailer
Ethicals Drugs	3%	17%	2%	12%
Non-ethical Drugs	3%	15%	2%	10%

Cabinet Approval for price controlled Drugs

189. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry did not place the list of 154 drugs recommended by Kelkar Committee before the Cabinet for approval as reported in the Times of India of the 21st August, 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that the list of price controlled drugs under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 had the approval of the Cabinet; and

(c) if so, what were the reasons for not getting the approval of the Cabinet for the price control list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The list of drugs including in the DPCO, 1979 and DPCO, 1987 were based on the Drug Policy, 1978 and the Measures for Rationalisation, Quality Conrol and Growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India, announced in December, 1986, respectively which have been approved by the Cabinet.

Identification of Drugs for Price Control

190. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expert committee constituted by his